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HONGKONG, TUESDAY, MAY 29TH, 1883.

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PRICE \$2 PER MONTH

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 27. GLAMIS CASTLE, British steamer, 1,558, Portor, Antwerp 7th April, Pe-
nang, and Singapore 21st May, General
—ADAMSON, BELL & CO.

May 28. GREYHOUND, British steamer, 227,
D. Scott, Hoilow 26th May, General—
ADAMSON, BELL & CO.

May 28. DIAMANT, British steamer, 514,
Wright, Manila 25th May, General—
RUSSELL & CO.

May 28. C. T. HOOL, British steamer, 998,
W. Jarvis, Bangkok 20th May, Rice—
THOS. HOWARD & CO.

May 28. BENALDER, British steamer, 1,330,
Hawes, Saigon 24th May, Rice—
LIVINGSTON & CO.

May 28. OXUS, French steamer, 2,334, Ra-
pate, Shanghai 26th May, Mails and
General—MISSAOUER MARTIN.

May 28. TANSTON, British steamer, 2,183,
Green, Sydney 5th May, Townsville
11th, Cooktown 12th, and Port Darwin
19th, General—GIBS, LIVINGSTON &
CO.

CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE,
MAY 28TH.

Hechi, Ger. 3-m. sec., for Nokulajef,
Asia, German bark, for Nanchang.
Jacobs, German bark, for Tientsin.
Ocean, British str., for Saigon.
M. Lebanon, British bark, for Whampoa.
Toc-nan, Chinese str., for Swatow.
Mongkong, British str., for Swatow.
Bennuwa, British str., for Yohohau.
Radnorshire, British str., for Yokohama.
Hans, German bark, for Nanchang.
Wells, German str., for Hoilow.
Alay, British str., for Swatow.
Sleator, British str., for Shanghai.

DEPARTURES.

May 28. AMY TURNER, Amer. bark, for Ilolo.
May 28. KONG BEN, British str., for Swatow.
May 28. ALBAT, British str., for Sevora.
May 28. TONKAN, Chinese str., for Swatow.
May 28. STENTON, British str., for Shanghai.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Glamis Castle*, str., from Antwerp, &c.—
30 Chinese.
Per *Diamond*, str., from Manila—Messrs. D.
A. Rodgers, F. Mullins, and D. Paterson, and
155 Chinese.
Per *Greyhound*, str., from Hoilow—Mr.
Jordan (British Consul).
Per C. T. Hoil, str., from Bangkok—30 Chi-
nese.
Per *Tanston*, str., from Sydney, &c.—
Messrs. McBay, Malvin, and J. Kelly, and 200 Chinese.
Per *Gas*, str., from Shanghai—For Hong-
kong—Three Chinese. For Port Said—Mr.
Chirkoff. For Naples—Mr. Belzakoff. For
Marsilles—Mrs. Antz, Messrs. Kolvig, Pof-
ven, and Smith.

DEPARTED.

Per *Emerson*, Merv. str., for Kobe, &c.—
Mrs. Ota Kasa, Mr. Fether, and 10 steerage.

REPORTS.

The British steamer *C. T. Hoil* reports
moderate N.E. monsoons and fine weather.

The British steamer *Benader* reports fine,
clear weather, light breeze, and smooth sea
throughout.

The British steamer *Greyhound* reports first
part of peace calm and fine weather; latter
part heavy squalls and rain from N.E. and East.

The British steamer *Glamis Castle* reports
fine weather throughout the morning of the 27th,
when she had strong N.E. swell and very
threatening weather.

The British steamer *Diamond* reports light
variable winds and fine weather, until within 60
miles of the China Coast; then to port high
Westerly winds and rainy weather.

The British steamer *Tanston* reports left
Sydney 5th May, and arrived Cape More-
ton 11th, and arrived Townsville 4th, 10th,
Left again 6 a.m., 11th, and arrived Cooktown
8 a.m., 12th, and left again 4.30 p.m., same day
for Thursday Island; arrived 1 p.m., 14th, left 5 p.m.,
15th; arriving at Port Darwin 2 p.m., 16th, left
again 8 a.m., 16th; passed through Batavia
Straits at 4 p.m., 24th. At 1 a.m., 25th instant,
passed a steamer bound S.E. supposed to be the
Gordon. Onwards to Hongkong, and so on.
Experiencing fresh head winds and fine weather to
Kepi, thence to Cooktown moderate S.E.
E. winds and showers; thence to port light
variable winds and fine weather.

AMOY SHIPPING.

ARRIVED.

16. Caroline, Ger. 3-m. coh., from Taiwan.
16. Hoilong, British str., from Tamsui.
16. China, German str., from Tamsui.
16. Minna, British bark, from Choo.
17. Kwangtung, British str., from Foochow.
17. Emuy, Spanish str., from Hongkong.
17. Johans, Carl, German str., from Keeling.
17. Almata, Amer. 3-m. coh., from Tientsin.
17. Alay, British str., from Hongkong.
17. Douglas, British str., from Hongkong.
17. Compt. Dutch str., from Hongkong.
17. Changhoo, British str., from Swatow.
19. Fokien, British str., from Tamsui.
20. Kinnar, British str., from Swatow.
21. Ling Feng, Customs str., from Formosa.
21. Duan, Spanish str., from Hongkong.
22. Nancu, British str., from Hongkong.
22. Keeling, British str., from Swatow.

18. Peohui, British str., for Shanghai.
18. Na-wo, British str., for Swatow.
18. Swatow, British str., for Shanghai.
18. Set Swallow, British bark, for Nagasaki.
17. Poole, British bark, for Foochow.
17. Satsuma, British bark, for Keeling.
17. Wain, British 3-m. coh., for Taiwan.
17. Alay, British str., for Tamsui.
17. Kwangtung, British str., for Swatow.
17. China, German str., for Tamsui.
17. Emuy, Spanish str., for Manila.
18. Diamant, British str., for Nanchang.
18. Chin-wei, Chinese p.-bt., for Newchwang.
18. Peter, German 3-m. coh., for Newchwang.
18. Dousin, British str., for Foochow.
18. Changhoo, British str., for Shanghai.

18. Foochow Shipping.

ARRIVED.

11. Hedvig, British bark, from Shanghai.
12. Corinth, Chinese str., from Shanghai.
13. Kinnar, British str., from Illo.
13. Catherina, British str., from Hongkong.
13. Glenelg, British str., from Hongkong.
13. Nanjing, British str., from Shanghai.

13. DEPARTURES.

13. Nancu, British str., for Hongkong.
13. Nanjing, British str., for Shanghai.
13. Kwangtung, British str., for Hongkong.
13. Hsia-shin, Chinese str., for Shanghai.

FOOCHOW SHIPPING.

ARRIVED.

11. Hedvig, British bark, from Shanghai.
12. Corinth, Chinese str., from Shanghai.
13. Kinnar, British str., from Illo.
13. Catherina, British str., from Hongkong.
13. Glenelg, British str., from Hongkong.
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AUCTION SALES TO-DAY.

J. M. A. B. M. S. T. R. O. N. G.,
Empire Hotel, Hongkong.

Japanese Ware, &c.
At 2 P.M.

NOTICE.

SIGNOR ANTON GATTIENNE, now
resident in Hongkong, will give lessons
in MUSIC, SINGING and PIANOFORTE.
Charges strictly moderate.

Address—Messrs. KELLY & WALSH,
Hongkong, 2nd March, 1883.

MUSIC.

The Office of the Undersigned has this
day been REMOVED to the 1st Floor of
No. 43 Queen's Road Central, above Acheson's
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CHARLES STRICTLY MODERATE.

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ECONOMY IN GAS.

SUGG'S FLAT FLAME BURNERS
effect an economy in gas.

30 Per Cent.

And can be readily attached to ordinary Gas-
lers and Brackets.SUGG'S NEWEST BURNERS with
Artistic shades for Drawing Room and Dining
Room.LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.,
Agents for Hongkong.ARTISTIC PORCELAIN M E N U
STANDS.HAND-ETCHED MENU and NAME
CARDS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

DEVON'S NONPARÉL KEROSINE,
150 degrees fire test, a perfectly safe oil.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, 5th May, 1883. [632]

NOTICE.

S. WATSON AND CO.
FAMILY AND DISPENSING
CHEMISTS.By Appointment to His Excellency the Governor
and his Royal Highness the
DUKE OF EDINBURGH,WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DRUGGISTS,
PERFUMERS.PATENT MEDICINE VENDORS,
DRUGGISTS' SUPPLYERS,And
AERATED WATER MAKERS.SHIPS' MEDICINE CHESTS REFITTED,
PASSENGER SHIPS SUPPLIED.NOTICE.—To avoid delay in the execution of
Orders it is particularly requested that all
business communications be addressed to the
Firm, S. A. Watson and Co., or

HONG-KONG DISPENSARY. [23]

NOTICES TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Communications on editorial matters should be
addressed "The Editor," and those on business "The
Manager," and not to individuals by name.Correspondents are requested to forward their
name and address with communications addressed to the
Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good
character.All letters for publication should be written on one
side of the paper only.Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not
ordered for a fixed period will be continued until
canceled.Orders for extra copies of the *Daily Press* should
be sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication.
After that hour the supply is limited.

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able fluency in the Council. The Chinese
community will be asked to recommend another
gentleman of their nationality to repre-
sent them, and unless there are good
reasons for disagreeing with the recom-
mendation, their nominees will be accepted.
There are many Chinese gentlemen, whose
position fully entitles them to the honour,
but only a few whose knowledge of English
is sufficient to qualify them for the post. It
would be impertinent for us to in-
dicate any individual; the Chinese themselves
left to select the best all round man. Sir
Grazios Bowen, was, and more liberal than
his predecessor in office, instead of being
guided by his own prepossessions and pick-
ing out a man, will ask the Chinese to
signify the gentleman whom they most
desire to honour.

The O. & O. steamer *Oceanic* was to be docked
at Sam-shu-po yesterday.

According to a letter from Colu, dated the
14th instant, published in the *Comercio*, the
cholera epidemic was still raging at that place.

We have received a copy of the April number
of the *Revista Filippina de Ciencias y Artes*. The
contents are varied and attractive.

According to the *Comercio* of the 21st May,
the Governor-General of the Philippines, after
progressing favourably for three days, had suffi-
ciently recovered to be able to leave.

As will be observed on reference to the Com-
pany's notice on our third page, the departure
of the O. & O. steamer *Oceanic* is postponed to
Saturday next at 3 p.m.

The Agents (Messrs. Gao, R. Stevens & Co.)
inform us that the steamer *Elusive* left Sydney
on the 26th inst. for Hongkong, via Queen'sland
and Port Darwin, and is due here on or about
the 24th proxime.

The returns of the Collector of Stamp Re-
venues for last month show that the amount
derived from this source for April last was
\$15,473.39 as compared with \$12,952.39 in the
same month of 1882, an increase in favour of this
year of \$2,520.11.

The steamer *Elusive* arrived at Manila on the
22nd in the steamer *Viscaya* from Colu. The
latter part being infected with cholera, the
vessel will have to undergo the usual quarantine.

After this is terminated the steamer will open for
a series of performances. The Italian Com-
pany at Manila, Mr. E. Bartolo, has presented to
Mr. Claudio a due native pony.

Return of visitors to the City Hall Museum for
the week ending 27th May—

EUROPEAN. CHINESE.

Monday..... 17 375

Tuesday..... 40 298

Wednesday..... Holiday..... Holiday

Thursday..... 24 308

Friday..... 23 325

Saturday..... 19 300

Sunday..... none 200

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The British correspondent of the *Sydney
Morning Herald*, writing under date of the 27th
ult., says in reference to the departure of Sir
Arthur Kennedy: "The poor old Governor is
so unwell that he was compelled to decline the
banquet in his honour which the citizens of
Brisbane would gladly have given. So a com-
mittee was appointed at a public meeting and
signed by the Mayor, and wait on his Excellency to
make a formal presentation. This was read,
but the illuminating has still to be done. His
Excellency was manifestly gratified by the token
of public esteem, and made a short speech in
cordial acknowledgment. He was requested to
name a day on which he would receive the
citizens, and that they might then present to
him their thanks. He is reported to have
selected a day at 4 o'clock on Monday afternoon.
During the same afternoon another pleasing
episode occurred at Government House. A
number of ladies, accompanied by the Hon. P.
Perkins, as spokesman, waited on Miss Kennedy
for the purpose of presenting her with a magni-
fied gold bracelet set with diamonds. The
bracelet had been presented to the Queen
of Spain. The value of the bracelet was £150, the
subscription was limited to £1 each. Miss
Kennedy was quite overcome, stammered out a few
words of thanks, then requested her father to
speak for her. She always calls Sir Arthur,
father—a good name."

The Sydney *Advertiser* left Hongkong on the 29th
at 4 a.m., and passed Chinkiang at 6.30 a.m. on
the 23rd arriving at Wusong early the same
afternoon. She proceeded direct to sea and when
last seen was going speedily. We (N. C. Daily
News) learn that while coming down the river her
engines worked with the greatest smoothness.
Her captain expects to make the passage home
in twenty-six days. At the rate she was going,
she would be due in Colu on the 23rd, and
arrived at 8 o'clock in the morning of the 24th, and
reported that she passed the *Glory* at 11.10 the
previous night; the *Glory* at 11.10 the previous night; three
miles inside the Tungsha Lightship. The
report says: "She was travelling at a fearful
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would snap their fingers at mandarins who tried to influence their political conduct, here there is too much reason to fear they would be entirely controlled by their officials, especially in any case where the interests of foreigners and the interests of the public welfare of the Government conflicted.—*H. C. Dury News.*

LATE TELEGRAMS.

The following telegrams are from Australian papers brought on by the *Thuninde*, Captain Green—

LONDON, 23rd April.

The Great Steam Navigation Company pays dividends of 5 per cent. half-year, but carries £35,000 to the reserve fund.

It is believed in official circles that the Imperial Government will sanction the annexation of New Guinea.

27th April.

The Government having completed the necessary arrangements, the Department of Agriculture, which has been under consideration for some time past, has been formed. The Right Hon. J. G. D. Bourke has been appointed Minister.

An important return has been made by the police to-day at Northampton, where a large sum was discovered, at which large quantities of nitre, glycerine were being manufactured without the knowledge of the authorities.

Mr. Parnell has sent a communication by cable to the Irish National Convention, now sitting in America, strongly advising the delegates to adopt a prudent programme.

28th April.

The P. & O. Company's R.M.S. *India*, while steaming down the Thames, outward bound for Australia, grounded off Barking Reach, in the Thames, during a fog. It is expected, however, that the vessel will float off with the next high tide.

A deputation of London merchants has interviewed Lord Granville in regard to the traffic through the Suez Canal. Earl Granville, in reply, advised the deputation to make a scheme for doubling the facilities for traffic through the Canal. He promised that the Government would consult with the Earl of Dufferin, British Ambassador at Constantinople, upon the matter.

The British ship *Commerce*, which sank in the English Channel at midnight on Tuesday, after being in collision with the *County of Abersden*, had no passengers on board at the time of the disaster. She had a general cargo of 2,100 tons. The weather was so thick at the time of the collision that neither captain saw the lights of each other's vessel.

3rd May.

At a banquet given by the National Liberal Club, at which 2,000 persons (700) were present, Mr. Gladstone stated that the artful obstruction of the Conservative party had hampered the Government, and delayed the reforms which the nation so much desired to effect.

Queen Victoria's diamond jubilee is dead.

Such a large number of English are offering themselves as informers that the government are placed in an embarrassing condition.

Keeps for the brutal murder at Cork, has been arrested.

James Fitzpatrick was arraigned for the Phoenix Park murders on Monday last.

A certain named Stanley, belonging to a British ship, was found upon the wreckage, after being thrown overboard in the water.

A meeting of British shipowners is called for the 10th of this month, its object being formation of a company for the construction of a canal across the Isthmus of Suez. The course contemplated will be some distance from the old canal.

A strict investigation is being carried on in Counties Clare and Cork respecting the recent naval conspiracies.

Conor, a prominent Fenian agitator, is impelled to go abroad to give evidence in the several inquiries now being held at Cork.

Another explosive letter has been sent to the Honourable Forster, Ex-Secretary of State for Ireland. The police are endeavouring to identify the sender.

17th May.

The German Chancellor Bismarck, who has been suffering from neuralgia, is now recovering.

Political strife is in an unsettled state. Oneway is dissatisfied with the existing arrangements.

Joseph Brady was arrested at Dublin on the morning of the 14th instant. Over 10,000 people were present. There was no attempt to create a disturbance.

The attempt made by the Adelaide police to suppress rascous whores has been frustrated by the magistrate (Mr. Beddoes) refusing to prosecute.

The South Australian Government refuses to assist direct Maltese emigration to South Australia. Those desirous of emigrating must first proceed to London, the same as all other emigrants.

There is an agitation among the Adelaide artisans who are against using Sydney stone in the erection of the proposed House of Parliament. A public meeting will be held on the subject on Friday.

The Star Canal is blocked by the burning of the *China Singapura*.

The King of Dahomey is enraged because the Portuguese have ceded the Whydah Territory, to the British.

COMMERCIAL INTELLIGENCE.

OPium.

MONDAY, 28th May.

Sales of New Pains at \$310, and of Old at \$333. Of New Honors sales at \$365. Market weak.

EXPORT CARGO.

For Yokohama—200 pieces merchandise, 200 pieces opium, 700 bags rice, 130 bags black paper, 2,000 bags gunnies, 50 bags沉船, 50 bags tobacco, 4,130 bags sugar, 230 bags tallow, 10 cases silk goods, 60 boxes prepared opium, 20 boxes opium, 1,745 boxes quicksilver, 163 boxes pink, 371 boxes firecrackers, and 3,123 pkgs. merchandise. For Victoria, B.O.—191 bags rice, 7 pkgs. crude opium, 343 pkgs. merchandise, and 100 boxes opium. For Canton, 100 boxes opium, 200 boxes merchandise, and 3,716 bags rice. For Nanking, 100 boxes opium, 200 boxes merchandise, and 125 cases silk goods. For Valparaiso—4 pkgs. merchandise. For Demerara—20 pkgs. merchandise. For Boston—340 pkgs. tea. For Chicago—863 pkgs. tea. For New York—16 bags raw silk, 12 pkgs. merchandise, and 7,630 pkgs. tea.

EXCHANGE.

ON LONDON.—Bank Bills, on demand..... 3/71

Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight..... 3/74

Bank Bills, at a month's sight..... 3/87

Credits, at a month's sight..... 3/94

Documentary Bills, at demand..... 3/84

Notice..... 3/84

ON PARIS.—Bank Bills, on demand..... 4/56

Credits, at 4 months' sight..... 4/64

ON BOMBAY.—Bank, 3 days' sight..... 2/23

ON CALCUTTA.—Bank, 3 days' sight..... 2/23

ON SHANGHAI.—Bank, 30 days' sight..... 7/21

Private, 30 days' sight..... 7/21

Notice..... 7/21

SHANGHAI.—Bank and Shanghai Bank Shares—147 per cent. premium.

Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Shares—New Is. 145 per cent. premium.

Union Insurance Society of Canton, Limited—\$325 per share.

China Traders' Insurance Company's Shares—\$245 per share.

North China Insurance—Tls. 1,600 per share.

Yangtze Insurance Association—Tls. 975 per share.

China Insurance Company, Limited—\$216 per share.

On Tsai Insurance Company, Limited—Tls. 148 per share.

Canton Insurance Office, Limited—\$120 per share.

Hongkong Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$1,270 per share.

China Fire Insurance Company's Shares—\$355 per share.

Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company's Shares—15 per cent. premium.

Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamship Co.'s Shares—240 premium.

Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.'s Shares—5 per cent. premium.

China and Manila Steamship Company, Limited—20 per cent. premium.

Hongkong Gas Company's Shares—\$82 per share.

Hongkong Hotel Company's Shares—\$180 per share.

China Sago Refining Company, Limited—\$185 per share.

China Sago Refining Company (Debentures)—1 per cent. premium.

Linson Sago Refining Company, Limited—\$70 per share.

Hongkong Company's Shares—\$165 per share.

China and China Bakery Company, Limited—\$100 per share.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1874—Nominal.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1877—Nominal.

Chinese Imperial Loan of 1881—2 per cent. prem.

HONGKONG TIDE-TABLE.

10TH MAY TO 4TH JUNE, 1883.

HIGH WATER. LOW WATER.

YESTERDAY TIDE. HIGH WATER. YESTERDAY TIDE. HIGH WATER.

EXTRACTS.

THE PAST.

I muse on the past with a tender sigh,
Till sadness falls like dark cloud o'er me,
On my youthful days, when Hope was high,
And life, like a garden, spread before me—
Sweet hours of promise bloomed therein,
And a light shone in golden glory.
Alas! from such blossoms no fruit we win,
Ere winter comes on this pinions bower.
And Love was the brightdest of all that grow,
'Twas the rose that garden fate adored;
A wild enchantment round it drew—
'Twas bathed in the purest hues of morning.
Its blushing leaves were in dew arrayed,
Like sparkling gems, no sunshine gleaming,
And the morning breeze that roun'd it play'd,
Seem'd music born from the hand of tuning.
Alas! that one earthly treasure decay,
Each blushing vision the heart has cherished;
But Memory's pang will not pass away;
The thorn lives on when the flower has perished.

UNCONSCIOUS WIT.

An English waiter was both witty and sarcastic, and didn't know the fact.—"Do you call that a real outlet, waiter?" said a London exquisite, one of the most delicate types even in that favoured region of exquisites, the West End. "Why, sir, such a valet out as that is an insult to every self-respecting calf in the British Empire!" The waiter hung his head in very shame for a moment, and then replied, in the language of humblest apology, "I really didn't intend to insult you, sir."

EXECUTIONS IN GERMANY.

The recent execution in Berlin of the coachman Conrad, for the brutal murder of his wife and four children, has led to the publication in the German newspapers of some interesting statistics relative to the infliction of the death penalty in Germany. Between 1854 and 1868 inclusive, of 213 persons condemned to decapitation, 26 were executed; but between 1869 and 1878, although no less than 423 persons were condemned, none were executed; and the executions were only resumed after the attempt of Hirsch, who perished on the scaffold on August 16, 1879. In 1879 and 1880, however, there were no executions, and in each of the years 1881 and 1882 there were but two. This year Conrad is the second prisoner whose death sentence has been carried into effect. The German executioner's name is Kraut, and he has four assistants, whose duty it is to divest the victim of his outer clothing, and to bind him with leather thongs to the block. Kraut deals the fatal blow with an axe, usually severing the head from the body at the first stroke; and the remains of the prisoner are at once covered with black cloths, placed in a coffin, and borne away for immediate burial.

OYSTER SHELLS.

A new use has been discovered for oyster shells. For years they have been used for the manufacture of lime, as manure, for decorative purposes, and in the preparation of a cheap imitation of marble; but it is now found that they cannot be better utilized than by being thrown in quantities into the sea, where they make the best possible foundation for new oyster-beds. In July and August next many ship loads of these empty shells will be sent by English and French oyster farmers in various places suitable for the purpose; and a few healthy living oysters will then be dropped upon the same spots. Experiments have proved that under such conditions the bivalves will shortly multiply to work with a perfect understanding of the natural proverb that "however close you skin an onion, a clever man can always peel it again." It is usually Government registrars as well as collector; and the power of fixing the rate to be levied affords him an ample scope for imposition. Starting with the knowledge that the fellah makes it a point of honour not to pay his *misri* or land tax if he can in any way baffle the *sarayi*, it may be easily observed that its collection is not an easy matter. Indeed, however delicate this unpleasant duty may be performed in Lower Egypt, which is more under the influence or dread of European opinion, it is probably certain that in the upper Nile districts it would be often a very hard affair to maintain the balance between revenue and expenditure without that magician's wand, *zarq*—the whip of hippopotamus, hide judicially applied to the soles of the feet of the recalcitrant fellah. In a village of the Saad or Upper Egypt, the mode of procedure is something in this wise. The Cairo authorities have sent their rescript to the master or head of a *misri* or province, instructing him to get in the land tax (which is probably to be in arrears) with all possible expedition. The *misri* sends on the order to the various *muhamm*, or little local governors, of his *misri*, and the *muhamm*, in his turn, despatches his *shayekh* for the Sheykh al-Baled, the shaykh or paternal head of the village community. This worthy is admonished sharply to tell his brother fellah to pay their *misri* without more ado. He leaves the great man's presence with a promise on a feather or *ace* as well as cash as 400 piasters. When he was thoroughly driven into a corner by the *shayekh* and *muhamm* with this unanswerable money-lending fraternity that have brought him to his present almost hopeless case, and he is still deeply in their debt, he had practically no other resources but to beg him away his birthright for "something down" when the *misri* on a *feather* or *ace* was as much as 400 piasters. 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